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Municipal—Reports.

Read the following paper :—

No. 146. *From G. McWATTERS, Esq., Vice-President of the Municipal Commission, Caroor, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, dated Erode, 28th May 1877, No. 20.*

I have the honor to submit, in the prescribed forms, the Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners of Caroor for the official year 1876-77.

- Enclosures.*
- 1 Annual Account of the Municipality as prescribed in G.O., 25th April 1877, No. 1347.
 - 1 Return of Vaccination and Register of Births and Deaths.
 - 1 Copy of the Report of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, South Coimbatore.
 - 1 Copy of Caroor Medical Officer's Report.
 - 1 Do. of Auditor's Report.
 - 1 Do. of do. Statement.

2. The total income, including a balance of Rupees 536-14-2, was Rupees 8,315-4-5, against a Budget Estimate of Rupees 8,650. The actual balance was Rupees 386-14-2, larger than was anticipated; but in the Budget Estimate of receipts, the Local Fund contribution, which amounted to Rupees 1,408-5-4, was

included. Making allowance for this contribution the actual receipts were Rupees 8,315-4-5 against an estimate of Rupees 7,450. The cause of the increase was chiefly owing to the tolls realizing Rupees 416-10-8, more than was anticipated, and to the market and slaughter-house having been rented for the first time.

3. The total expenditure was Rupees 8,135-1-6, the Budget Estimate being Rupees 8,650, or, excluding Local Fund contribution, Rupees 7,450.

4. Under Grant I, "New Works," the expenditure was Rupees 1,059-8-3, against a Budget allotment of Rupees 200. The Budget allotment, which was very small, was nearly all spent in providing a well for the market and slaughter-house, and the rest of the expenditure under this head was incurred in building a latrine for the dispensary, purchasing a site for a latrine, and extending the market walls. The market will have recouped all the expenditure incurred upon it by next year.

5. The repairs to Communications slightly exceeded the Budget allotment. Over 100 Rupees were spent in repairing the old Travellers' Bungalow which has recently been rented at 25 Rupees a-month.

6. The expenditure under the head of Results grants was Rupees 266, against an allotment of Rupees 500. The expenditure in the previous year was Rupees 228-8-0. The accompanying copy of the report of the Deputy Inspector of Schools explains why larger grants are not usually earned.

7. The number of persons vaccinated was 258, and the number of deaths 171. In the previous year the numbers were respectively 81 and 259. There has been thus an improvement both as regards vaccination and sanitation. The number of births reported was 238, which is a little over the supposed correct percentage.

8. Besides the usual conservancy, one pukka and two temporary latrines and two cinerators were constructed, and the drains in one of the main streets were revetted with stone. The town was exceptionally clean and healthy during the year, as may be gathered from the number of deaths in proportion to the population. All that is wanted is more funds to carry out improvements which are continually suggesting themselves to me every time I inspect the town. The great difficulty is in apportioning the small income to most advantage, with the view of not only keeping the town in a perfect sanitary state, but of also developing the resources of the Municipality.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. S. KISTNASAMY, Deputy Inspector of Schools, South Coimbatore, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Caroor, dated Caroor, 23rd April 1877, No. 229.

I have the honor to submit my report on the state and progress of education in the Municipal town of Caroor during the year ending 31st March 1877.

2. There were on the last day of the official year just closed twelve schools, containing 462 pupils; while on the last day of the preceding year the number of schools was ten, and the number of pupils 471. Thus, during the year under review, the number of schools increased from ten to twelve, and the number of pupils decreased from 471 to 462.

3. Subjoined is a list of the twelve Schools named above with some particulars about them:—

Names of Schools.	Average daily Attendance.	Class.	Under what System aided.	From what source paid.
Hindu Anglo-Vernacular School..	42	Higher Class.	Salary Grant.	Provincial Funds.
Central School ..	99	Lower Class	Result System.	"
Komutty Girls' School ..	14	"	"	"
Wesleyan Mission School..	23	"	"	"
Tirumalai Chetty's School ..	16	"	"	Municipal Fund.
Sundaralingam Pillai's School ..	55	"	"	"
Sundaramaiyar's do. ..	32	"	"	"
Mavadiyan Street Boys' School ..	22	"	"	"
Alamarattu Street School ..	26	"	"	"
Terumutty School ..	25	"	"	"
North Street School ..	16	"	"	Unaided.
Pappaiya Naidu's School..	18	"	"	"

4. The Anglo-Vernacular School consisted of a higher and a middle department, both aided from Provincial Funds. Though the Central School is now termed "Lower Class," it ranked in the middle class according to the nomenclature prevalent in 1876, and the middle and lower departments of that school were paid from Provincial Funds; Rupees 236 for the latter alone. The third school named above, though it ranked in the lower class and though the instruction imparted was purely elementary, was also supported from Provincial Funds. Thus of the twelve schools named above only nine were purely Municipal Schools and three of them were unaided.

5. My report has therefore to do with the six aided schools. The following table gives the attendance and pupils presented for examination from these schools with some other particulars:—

Names of Schools.	No. of Pupils on 31st March 1877.	Average daily At- tendance.	Number of Pupils presented for Examination.					Maximum Grant passable.	Grants actually drawn.
			Standard.				Total.		
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th			
Wesleyan Mission School	25	23	9	..	..	..	21	Rs. 182 0 0	Rs. 102 8 0
Tirumalai Chetty's do. ..	13	16	7	10	5	7	21	57 8 0	25 0 0
Sundaralingam Pillai's School	59	55	13	10	1	..	17	27 0 0	74 8 0
Sundaramaiyar's do. ..	41	32	14	..	1	..	15	39 0 0	16 0 0
Mavadiyan Street do. ..	30	22	10	1	2	..	13	38 8 0	14 0 0
Alamarattu Street do. ..	36	26	5	11	3	..	19	85 0 0	34 0 0
Total	204	174	68	32	12	10	112	532 0 0	266 0 0

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From this it will be seen that out of schools with an aggregate attendance of 174 pupils, only 112 pupils were presented for examination, and that the small number that came up passed for only half the grant passable on their account.

6. The payment of fee in Results System Schools is very irregular; there being nine schools under that system in the town competing with one another, the Master of each school tries to

undersell his neighbours by lowering his rate of fee. A pupil is admitted in a school and pays the first month's fee regularly. In course of the second and third month his payment becomes irregular; the Master depends for his livelihood on the fee-collections, and so he presses the boy to bring his fee. The boy's parent detains the boy at home either to send him to school when he can find money for his fee or perhaps to avoid paying altogether. Just then another School-master offers to admit the boy in his school, and the boy is sent immediately, and so on. Thus though a boy reads in school throughout the year he is not eligible for examination under the Results rules which require six months' attendance in any one school. Instances of this kind are not few. This accounts for the difference between the budgeted and actual expenditure on account of Municipal Education.

7. As to the results of examination, the only two schools that answered pretty fairly were the Wesleyan Mission School and Sundaralingam Pillai's School. The answering of the pupils in other schools was either indifferent or poor. The Masters, one and all, attributed the unsatisfactory answering of the pupils to their irregular attendance.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MUNICIPAL DISPENSARY, CAROOR, for the Year 1876-77.

Strength (population of the town) ..	7,945
Remained on the 31st March 1876 ..	64
Admitted since ..	7,806
Discharged ..	7,777
Died ..	20
Remaining on the 31st March 1877 ..	73
Average Number of sick ..	60.92

It will be noticed as a striking feature in the working of the Dispensary during the past year that the increase in the number of in-door patients is considerable, being 78 during the year under report against 13 in the year preceding. As I observed in my concise report, two-thirds of patients of this class supported themselves and cost the Municipality nothing in the shape of dieting charges. The Municipal Commissioners have allotted Rupees 100 in the Budget of 1877-78 for dieting in-door patients, while for the year under review the sum set apart for this was only Rupees 50.

2. As to the number of out-door patients there had been an increase also, having been 7,728 in 1876-77, while in 1875-76 was only 7,103; the number of average daily sick consequently shows an increase of 15 per cent.; these figures themselves speak of the popular and satisfactory working of the institution; I therefore think it unnecessary to say anything more.

The subjoined is a Comparative Statement of diseases treated in the Dispensary during the past year and the one next before it:—

Classes of Diseases.	NUMBER OF IN-PATIENTS.		NUMBER OF OUT-PATIENTS.		TOTAL.		Remarks.
	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	
I. General Diseases ..	7	24	1,568	1,275	1,575	1,299	41 7 13
II. Local Diseases—							
1. Nervous System ..	..	8	186	246	186	254	.. ..
2. Eye ..	..	3	796	1,447	796	1,450	.. ..
3. Ear ..	..	..	362	385	362	385	.. ..
4. Nose ..	..	1	63	58	63	59	.. ..
5. Circulatory ..	..	..	12	16	12	16	.. ..
6. Absorbents ..	..	..	44	37	44	37	.. ..
8. Respiratory ..	..	3	203	203	203	206	.. ..
9. Digestive ..	2	9	1,660	1,639	1,662	1,648	.. ..
10. Urinary ..	3	3	109	137	112	140	.. ..
11. Generative ..	..	..	51	106	51	106	.. ..
12. Locomotive ..	..	..	24	25	24	25	.. ..
13. Cellular ..	..	7	109	118	109	125	.. ..
14. Cutaneous ..	..	1	1,503	1,521	1,503	1,522	.. ..
III. Condition ..	1	3	71	92	72	95	.. ..
IV. Poison ..	..	1	1	60	1	61	.. ..
V. Injuries ..	1	14	838	358	339	372	.. ..
VI. Surgical operations ..	..	1	3	5	3	6	.. ..
Total ..	14	78	7,103	7,728	7,117	7,806	Deaths in 1875-76 .. in 1876-77 ..

3. It is seen from this that there has been, during the year I am now reporting upon, a marked increase under Local diseases Nos. 1, 2, 11, Poison, and Surgical operations; a slight increase in Nos. 3, 5, 10, 13, 14, Condition, and Injuries; while the numbers under the other heads have remained nearly the same, except in the case of General diseases in which there is a decrease.

4. The rather large number of complaints of the eye treated during the past year were mostly in the months of June, July, and August when a rather violent and dusty wind blows in this part of the country. I need say nothing about the increase under *Condition*, this being a year of unusual scarcity.

Four cases of cobra bite reported in time were successfully treated by the administration of solution of ammonia.

The six cases of surgical operations were the following:—

- One for the extirpation of fibro plastic tumour.
- One " " fatty tumour.
- One Cancer of penis.
- One Phymosis.
- Two Cicatrices.

5. As I noticed above the past was a year of famine. The health of the taluq suffered owing to scarcity of food and water in some parts, in addition to unusually strong heat. Cholera of a sporadic nature attacked the taluq on three different occasions in October, December, and January. The number of deaths was not many.

6. The Dispensary compound has been extended and a masonry latrine with six seats (three for males and three for females) is in course of construction for the use of in-door patients; in the meanwhile a temporary movable latrine is in use. A toty and a dhoby have also been employed to work in the Dispensary. To meet the requirements of the Dispensary, whose work has now increased, the President of the Municipal Commission, Caroor, has appointed a compounder to work under me in place of one of the two servants on the establishment last year.

7. The taluq returns show that there were no deaths from cattle disease during the year under report.

8. Rain-fall during the year was scanty, only seventeen inches against twenty-four and thirty-five in the preceding two years.

9. *Caroor Municipality*.—The health of the people living in the town during the year was pretty fair. The Municipal Commissioners increased the number of scavengers in the beginning of the year, and so the conservancy part of establishment was able to do better work than in the preceding year. To place good drinkable water within the reach of people the Commissioners have sunk two wells in well-selected localities, and are sinking a third. A few more wells are much needed.

CAROOR,
15th May 1877.

(Signed) S. P. MOONESAWMY MOODELLY,
Passed Hospital Apprentice.

No. 95.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT.

I have recently inspected the Town of Caroor and am well satisfied with the improvements that have been effected. The Vice-President takes a lively interest in sanitation. In such a small Municipality there cannot be many new works annually constructed. I note the market place, surrounded by a good wall and provided with water from a well.

2. I should have preferred that the latrines should have been roofed, as in wet weather dry conservancy without a roof is difficult. The Coimbatore pattern latrine is the most perfect of its kind.

3. It is observed that a larger grant for results was made than was earned. The cause of the defect is attributed to irregular attendance of pupils and to elementary schools competing with each other; whether a Municipal salaried school would produce better results in examination, is the question.

4. Vaccination, which exceeded the birth-rate, was fairly successful.

5. The registration of vital statistics is better in Caroor than anywhere else in the district; it is shown by the birth-rate 3 per cent., which, as now reported, is of a normal character.

6. The Hospital and Dispensary show progressive benefit to the people, and the general health was good.

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
COIMBATORE,
22nd June 1877.
President.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1877, No. 1959.

With his endorsement above recorded, the President of the Caroor Municipality submits the Vice-President's report for the year 1876-77. The usual comparative statement is given below:—

RECEIPTS.		Actuals, 1876-77. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands .. .. .	.. .. .	2,403	2,400	2,146
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals .. .. .	.. .. .	486	480	463
Registration of Carts .. .. .	.. .. .	578	600	598
Tolls .. .. .	.. .. .	4,514	3,600	2,817
Licenses .. .. .	.. .. .	75	80	61
Assignments by Government .. .. .	.. .. .	193	400	508
Contribution from Local Funds .. .. .	.. .. .	700	700	700
Fines and Fees .. .. .	.. .. .	190	120	142
Endowments .. .. .	.. .. .	113	84	..
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	110	36	343
Advances Recoverable .. .. .	.. .. .	500	..	..
Balance brought forward .. .. .	.. .. .	776	150	537
Total .. .. .	.. .. .	10,638	8,650	8,315

CHARGES.		Actuals, 1876-77. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Buildings .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	932
Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	2,697	200	127
Repairs—				
Communications .. .. .	.. .. .	1,070	500	853
Buildings .. .. .	.. .. .	..	..	178
Sanitary and Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	85	86	31
Tools and Plant .. .. .	.. .. .	11	..	23
Contributions to Local Funds .. .. .	.. .. .	..	1,200	..
GRANT II.				
Results Grants .. .. .	.. .. .	229	500	266
Inspection (Contribution) .. .. .	.. .. .	50	50	50
GRANT III.				
Hospitals and Dispensaries .. .. .	.. .. .	1,605	1,390	1,483
Vaccination .. .. .	.. .. .	50	50	50
Registration of Births and Deaths .. .. .	.. .. .	84	84	84
Conservancy .. .. .	.. .. .	2,593	2,942	2,693
GRANT IV.				
Lighting .. .. .	.. .. .	678	770	626
Choultries .. .. .	.. .. .	59	60	61
Travellers' Bungalow .. .. .	.. .. .	18	24	24
Avenues and Watering Roads .. .. .	.. .. .	..	50	..
Miscellaneous .. .. .	.. .. .	3	..	17
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management .. .. .	.. .. .	869	744	637
Balances .. .. .	.. .. .	537	..	180
Total .. .. .	.. .. .	10,638	8,650	8,315

2. The actuals appear to be less than the estimates owing to the omission of the Local Fund share of the Tolls from both sides of the accounts. There was really an increase of Rupees 865 owing chiefly to Tolls realizing more than the estimate, and to the Market and Slaughter-house being rented out for the first time. The Demand, Collection and Balance Statement shows an uncollected balance under House-tax of nearly 12 per cent., which is not so satisfactory as in the preceding year.

3. The expenditure of the year amounted to Rupees 8,135, of which Rupees 1,059 were spent on New Works, a good well being dug in the Market, a latrine provided for the Dispensary and some minor improvements carried out.

4. The expenditure on Education took the form of Results grants and only Rs. 266 were paid out of a Budget provision of Rs. 500. The small amount earned is attributed by the Deputy Inspector to over-competition amongst the schools, leading to boys moving from one to the other and thus failing to secure a qualification to appear for examination. A competition of the kind described, however, cannot but be of a very transitory nature if any stimulus in the shape of grants is required at all. Including the attendance at the Anglo-Vernacular School, 371 boys are shown in Statement V to have been at school out of an estimate of 584 boys of a school-going age. The number of girls at school rose during the year from twenty-one to thirty-four.

5. The expenditure on Sanitary and Medical Services amounted to 51.8 per cent. of the available income. The Dispensary made very satisfactory progress, and was evidently much appreciated by the people both of the town and the neighbourhood. It is observed that as many as two-thirds of the inmates dieted themselves. Conservancy appears to have been very carefully attended to, and the death-rate during the year was unusually low.

6. The other objects of the Act call for no notice in detail, but the working of the Municipality appears to have received very careful attention at the hands of the Vice-President and to have been generally satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

W. D. Puri
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Caroor.
" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" President of the Local Fund Boards, Coimbatore District.

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